

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

March 20, 2007

Whereas, THE SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS (SME) CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF ITS 2007 EXPOSITION CALLED **THE TOTAL MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE** – WHICH INCLUDES WESTEC, NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST ANNUAL MANUFACTURING AND METALWORKING EVENT, THE LARGEST TRADE SHOW OF ITS TYPE IN NORTH AMERICA, HELD AT THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER; AND

Whereas, SME HAS SERVED THE WEST COAST MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY FOR OVER 44 YEARS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AND WILL INFUSE AN ESTIMATED \$11 MILLION IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY WAY OF HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND CONVENTION SERVICES – AN ILLUSTRATION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND A SYMBOL OF THIS AREA'S IMPORTANCE TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, SPECIFICALLY MANUFACTURING; AND

Whereas, SME DESIGNED THIS EXPOSITION TO SUPPORT THE 900,000+ MANUFACTURING JOBS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA , OF WHICH 462,200 ARE IN L.A. COUNTY, IN VITAL INDUSTRIES LIKE AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE, AUTOMOTIVE, ELECTRONIC, HIGH TECH AND MORE; THE 5-COUNTY AREA IS THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING MARKET IN THE U.S.; OVER 20,000 MANUFACTURERS WILL ATTEND **WESTEC** FROM THE L.A. REGION AND AROUND THE COUNTRY – LOOKING FOR THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY; AND

Whereas, IN COLLABORATION WITH ITS BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS, SME HAS SUPPORTED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN PROVIDING OVER \$1 MILLION IN CASH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS, ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO EXPLORE MANUFACTURING CAREERS THROUGH THE WESTEC MANUFACTURING CHALLENGE AND STUDENT SUMMIT:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF MARCH 26 – 29, 2007 TO BE **MANUFACTURING WEEK** IN THE COUNTY.

YBB:jar/manufacturing week 3-20-07

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